

CLAIMS

1.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (previously presented) A shoe comprising a sole, a vamp and a tongue portion wherein the tongue portion is attached to the sole by a linking means that allows the tongue portion to be rotated with respect to the vamp to display alternating sides of the tongue portion, said linking means tapering to a flat attachment upon said tongue portion and said vamp, and said linking means including a ball and socket.

15. (previously presented) The shoe of claim 14 wherein said shoe is a sandal.

16. (previously presented) The sandal of claim 15 wherein the tongue portion can be rotated with respect to the vamp without removal of the tongue portion from the vamp portion.

17. (previously presented) The sandal of claim 15 wherein the sandal is an open-toed sandal.

18. (currently amended) The sandal of claim 15 wherein the vamp is configured to ~~only~~ cover at least the big toe of the wearer.

19. (previously presented) The sandal of claim 15 wherein the tongue portion is further removably attachable to the vamp.

20. (previously presented) The sandal of claim 15 wherein the tongue portion is further removably attachable to the vamp with hook and loop material.

21. (currently amended) The sandal of claim 15 wherein the tongue is made of a stretchable, resilient material that ~~conforms to~~ provides a tight fit on the foot of the wearer.

22. (previously presented) The shoe of claim 14 wherein the tongue comprises a first tongue portion and a second tongue portion wherein each tongue portion is attached to the vamp with a retaining means,

whereby each tongue portion may be individually rotated with respect to the vamp to alternately display opposing sides of each tongue.

23. (previously presented) The shoe of claim 14 wherein the shoe further comprises a roller skate.

24. (previously presented) The shoe of claim 14 wherein the shoe further comprises an inline skate.

25. (Withdrawn) A shoe comprising a sole, an upper and a collar wherein the collar is attached to the upper by a retaining means and is rotatable with respect to the upper to allow alternating sides of the collar to be displayed.

26. (Withdrawn) The shoe of claim 25 wherein the collar may be rotated with respect to the upper without removal of the collar from the shoe.

27. (Withdrawn) The shoe of claim 25 wherein the collar is further removably attached to the upper.

28. (Withdrawn) The shoe of claim 27 wherein the collar is further removably attached to the upper with hook and loop material.

29. (Withdrawn) The shoe of claim 25 wherein the shoe further comprises a vamp and a tongue and having a linking means connecting between the lower part of the tongue to the upper segment of the vamp, said tongue having an upper and lower surface, said linking means capable of allowing the tongue to be turned from to display on an upper or a lower surface.

30. (Withdrawn) The shoe of claim 25 wherein the collar further defines shoelace eyelets for lacing shoelaces therethrough.

31. (Withdrawn) A boot comprising a sole, a vamp and a segmented tongue wherein the segmented tongue comprises an upper portion and a lower portion and the upper portion is attached to the lower portion by a retaining means that allows the upper portion of the tongue to be rotated with

respect to the lower portion of the tongue to display alternating sides of the upper portion of the tongue.

32. (Withdrawn) The boot of claim 31 wherein the upper portion of the tongue can be rotated with respect to the lower portion of the tongue without removing the upper portion of the tongue from the lower portion of the tongue.

33. (Withdrawn) The boot of claim 31 wherein the lower portion of the tongue is attached to the vamp by a second retaining means wherein the lower portion of the tongue can be rotated with respect to the vamp to show alternating surfaces of the lower portion of the tongue.

34. (Withdrawn) The boot of claim 33 wherein the lower portion of the tongue can be rotated with respect to the vamp without removing the lower portion of the tongue from the vamp.

35. (Withdrawn) The sandal of claim 15 wherein said linking means comprises a ball and socket of a swivel, said ball is separable from the socket, the force required to separate the ball from the socket being in the range of twenty to eighty pounds 20 to 80 lbs.

36. (Withdrawn) The boot of claim 31 wherein said linking means comprises a ball and socket of a swivel, said ball is separable from the socket, the force required to separate the ball from the socket being in the range of twenty to eighty pounds 20 to 80 lbs.